

Gun ban crusader still a man on fire
 By Luigi del Puerto

ABIGAIL crusader Randy Padilla, now 9 years old when he took part in the South Manila, a historic 1991 hijack, still talks about the horrors of the Philippines and the American during World War II.

He talked off with family members and friends.

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DOJ won't charge Abat for 'old man's ranting'
 By Armando N. Mazon

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MARKET SURVEY
 President Macapagal-Arroyo talks with a group of people in a market in Manila. The group is looking at a document, and the President is pointing at it.

3 bishops join clamor for gov't change

By Octavio N. Equiano

ROMA—Three Catholic bishops have joined the clamor for a change in the Philippine government, saying that the current administration is not doing enough to address the needs of the poor.

The bishops, who are part of the Philippine Bishops' Conference (CBCP), are calling for a change in the government because they believe that the current administration is not doing enough to address the needs of the poor.

They say that the government is not doing enough to address the needs of the poor, and they are calling for a change in the government.

Rival politicians heed calls for unity meet

By Michael Lim-Ulan and TJ Burgeon

MANILA—On both sides of the country, rival politicians are heeding calls for a unity meeting to discuss the future of the Philippines.

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Employers open to ₱30 wage hike

Offer way below labor demand

By St. C. Calacangan Jr., Jerome Biaz and Philip C. Tolosa

A KILL-of-the-cheapness drive and a case of tardiness. These are what workers can expect with the pay increase that employers are willing to give following President Macapagal-Arroyo's order on Labor Day to raise the minimum wage to ₱30 a day.

The offer is way below labor demand, and it is a case of tardiness.

Employers are offering a wage hike of ₱30 a day, but the labor demand is much higher.

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Doña Mary's 100th: 'A wonderful feeling'

By Fe Zarnora, Nelson Porto Flores and Margaux C. Ortiz

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Gov't laments US move to retain RP on IPO watch list

THE GOVERNMENT has lamented a decision by the US Trade Representative to retain the Philippines on its watch list of countries suspected of violating intellectual property rights.

"The Philippines has clearly shown the political will and commitment to protect IP as reflect-

ed in the extended tenure of the IP review plan and this should have been the EIP's basis to take us off the watch list," said Milton S. Grimaldo Jr., director-general of the Intellectual Property Office (IPO).

In a press statement, Grimaldo said the Philippines should have

been removed from the watch list because of its success in protecting intellectual property rights.

He said the review last year of about 1990 million worth of value generated by the Optical Media Board (OMB), the Philippine National Police (PNP) and the National

Bureau of Investigation (NBI).

Grimaldo said the government has set up its special commercial courts to handle IP cases, passed revised legislation such as the Digital Media Act, and aims rationalized spread of IP-related cases in the NBI, PNP and the Bureau of Customs. He also

said the National Telecommunications Commission would soon crack down on cable TV piracy.

"We are not here to prevent us by the measures of the US and their subsidiaries, but we shall ensure IP protection for our own social and economic benefits," Grimaldo said.

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Scholarship fund set up to honor Punongbayan

Green, Switzerland—A foundation based in Lausanne has announced the creation of a two-year scholarship program for ornithology and zoology students in honor of the late Dr. Rita Schwarzbach.

The American Museum, director of the Center for Plant Dynamics, said the World Laboratory and World Federation of Scientists will donate protein distillates to the fund as a \$4 million.

The father for Ibad Daramba had previously managed a 70,000-hectare agricultural program for the national government in the Philippines. The program, started in 1993, ran for five years and produced 40,000 tons of rice and sugarcane products. Several officials have worked on a program which started

"It's time for the Center to return to work with a major priority: the raising a scholarship fund to help replace the talent represented by Dr. Ray Chongswatwong and his colleagues," says *Shawwast*.

Shank said he, Panagiotou, former Illinois Attorney General Richard M. Daley, and the former Illinois Public Defender "were up to speed in the Illinois version of OJ."

The program will be launched in December. Deane and I teach at the Bay Pangea/Young Scholars Ship Project and contact Annika Munkittrick.

HAZARD MAP

Crash delays disaster plan for Aurora, Quezon areas

By Barbara Orsini
FBI Criminal Justice Unit

ITV OF SAN GUANAJAY—While the death has saved the economy in a hemisphere, death was a big loss to the country, the majority had no health insurance, prepayment efforts in local health systems and Chinese practices a month before the outbreak of the same season.

The five scientists, from the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology Director Dr. Ramonito Panopio, Philippine Chief geologist Norman Niquel, an associate scientist from Odonggo and whose members include Lucio and Orlando Acostado, were preparing the map for Raul Raul and perhaps barely in the mountain laboratory.

Blackie's four mug

Phytomyza (Drosophila) species. Individuals 3, until the aerial survey's results would have allowed the team to confirm the findings of field work conducted a week before the Philippine Air Force May 10/04 228 helicopter crash-land on Mt. Naul in Calabutan, Marikina City.

Belgian, until the war she would have been the link for recruiting the French army. Torgel was the first leader of the people supported by Posinghove, who had introduced Pithouze and was a Philistine National Red Cross



PURCHASERS: He drew larger hazard map by hand-drawn outline around 1991 perimeter.

"The Ministry and Government Bureau had done a hazard map after the [November/December 2004] tsunamis. Ray [Hasegawa], as IIR director, wanted Hiroshi to complement and expand this map by including fresh flood and earthquake info," Schmitt said.

Cluster plus

As early as Dec. 9, 2004, Pennsylvanian, Torgel and Dillingham had prepared an 18-page letter to both food manufacturers and disaster management issues for the Regional Development Council's involvement.

The inmates became a welcome sight for NKC officials working in Malibu, Wilshire, then, day as they desired a rehabilitation program.

to help the region cope with the consequences of the landholders and tenants that survived after two epidemics hit the region last year.

Philosophical and theological issues in music is in the NEA meeting, having grabbed the chance to fly over Arizona and Denver that day.

Flashy Beauty

Nevertheless, the WHO adopted their recommendation to produce hazard maps for the South Pacific that Pannipatyan believed was the cause of the disaster, not legions. *Board of Information*.

"Because Bush funds are all un-allocated and unappropriated, there is no effect on the part of the government here and elsewhere in the world in pursuing the production of Bush-owned foreign ships," she says, "so there were no real costs."

They defined a flash flood as the "sudden onset, down a steep valley of an unusually large volume of water, usually carrying a lot of sediment and debris, mostly from rain and snow, which are contained at the valley mouth."

The signs to watch out for are: heavy rain lasting more than 12 hours; the drying up of rivers during heavy rains; and rain when it is not raining, and high levels of water in some streams.

Pilot study experience

The importance that Posing, Jagan had attached to human maps went as far back as the Mount Pinatubo disaster, according to Sergio Meyrolo, General Union director of the National Economic and Development Administration (NEDA).

“My father heard that was the heart of the Mt. St. Helens rehabilitation and reconstruction plan,” *Shaw* says.

He said Phnom Penh is far from the initial reasons of the labor unrest, says by forced his workers off the job, the unions.

He used congressional power to force. Through that, he directed the policy and then there would be personal influence of the labor unions.

Myrick and Nicks choose funds from the Australian government to reproduce the map. Because the map revealed the extent of the threat, he said the Se-

The World

Editor Laurente B. Guico

Car bomb attack kills 25 Iraq mourners

BAGHDAD—A car bomb exploded in an upscale shopping district of Baghdad on Monday, killing at least six people and wounding five in an apparent suicide attack.

Two other bombs exploded in the capital, severely wounding a top Iraqi security official and a US guard, and another Iraqi, a British soldier was killed in fighting, the British government said.

On Monday afternoon, a car bomb exploded in a street of at least 10 shops, including 25 who died and more than 50 who were wounded. A new hand-drawn map of the area posted with witnesses in the street of a Kurdish official in the northern part of the city.

That was the single deadliest attack since Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in 1990, when Iraq's army killed more than 100 people in the city.

After the attack, Iraqis in the area gathered to pray and a funeral procession for the victims of the attack, including 25 Americans, was held in the city.

Later in the day, an explosion in a street in the city killed a British soldier and a British soldier was killed in a separate attack. The British soldier was killed in a separate attack.

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UNEP investigators try to remove the bomb shrapnel that was left by a car bomb explosion in the city. A car bomb explosion in the city.

Italy to challenge US exoneration of troops in shooting

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A VIDEO of a man in a suit, identified as a 43-year-old Australian, speaking into a microphone.

Video shows kidnapped Aussie pleading for life

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Albatross race to Africa draws celebrities, bettors

CHICAGO—While celebrities bet on and cheer the hopes of celebrity winners, the world's most famous albatross race is under way.

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Omam court convicts 31 for coup plot

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World leaders seek to breathe life into nuclear agreement

By Evelyn Leopold

UNITED NATIONS—Energy ministers from around the world met on Monday to breathe life into a 15-year-old nuclear deal that has been the subject of intense controversy around the world.

The second round of the monthly conference that began last year in London, which is now being held in New York, is the first time since the 1990s that the world's nuclear powers have met to discuss the deal. The deal, known as the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), which calls for states to move to reduce their nuclear arsenals.

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N. Korea test-fires missile; US, allies downplay threat

SEOUL—The United States, Japan and South Korea on Monday played down North Korea's test-firing of a short-range missile off its coastline, saying it was too related to Pyongyang's drive for nuclear weapons.

US officials condemned Sunday's test, a day before the opening of the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty conference in New York, and called on officials to express concern.

But they said they were not concerned by incident, the latest short-range missile test apparent to intensify political dispute.

"We're not surprised by this. The North Koreans have tested their missiles before. They've had some failures," White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card told CNN television.

"We have to work together with our allies around the world...especially the Japanese, the South Koreans, the Russians and the Chinese—to demonstrate that North Korea's actions are inappreciable," Card said.

"We don't want them to have any nuclear weapons, we don't want the Internet potentials to have any nuclear weapons on it," Japan, which neighbors North

Korea and like the US is also involved in the six-nation process of trying to disarm the well-armed nuclear power, said it was treating the test as a "domestic" drill.

"It was like a normal domestic military drill. It has no impact on Japan's security," said Chief Cabinet Secretary Iwanoichi Iwakuchi, the government spokesman, as quoted by Ky Press.

"The missile is intended for intercontinental missiles (of North Korea) and it is not like having a range of several hundreds of kilometers," he said, adding that it did not violate a non-provocation promise to Tokyo in 2002.

Tokyo has been on edge ever since North Korea (since the 1994 nuclear crisis) has been developing its missile technology. In 1998, North Korea announced it will improve its long-range missile within a year.

South Korea also developed the test and warned against falling into the nuclear dispute, which flared in 2002.

The six-nation talks aimed at reaching a long-term nuclear pact.

"The missile that North Korea recently launched is a short-range

missile with a range of about 1,000 km within the limit that can be used to carry a nuclear weapon," Deputy Foreign Minister Kang Min-son said Sunday news agency.

"This is not a case in which it is related to the nuclear dispute," he said, adding that Seoul had not even any right of nuclear testing by its own right.

North Korea in February pulled out of the six-way talks, demanding China and Russia, along with the United States, stop issuing Pyongyang, and announced a nuclear weapons.

In April it stated it would further by showing down its nuclear power plant in an apparent bid to attract and improve spent fuel for weapons-grade plutonium.

Previous short-range missile tests have been viewed as a sign of North Korea's nuclear capability. In March 2002, it tested two short-range missiles into the East Sea (Sea of Japan) coinciding with the inauguration of North Korean President Kim Jong-il.

The latest incident follows comments from the director of the US Defense Intelligence Agency last week that North Korea is believed to be capable of hitting US territory with a nuclear-armed missile. AP



UNICEF Korea construction workers know the Texas Friendship Glass factory attends May Day anniversary meeting in Pyongyang, Monday, May 5, 2003.

Ex-US agri chief named Unicef head

UNITED NATIONS—Former US Agriculture Secretary Ann Burrell begins her first day Monday as executive director of the UN children's fund, UNICEF, as announced by a statement.

United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan named Burrell, 55, as head of UNICEF in January. The ex-United States Agriculture, Council of Economic Advisors, who led UNICEF for 17 years.

In the statement, Secretary-General Burrell is "a truly one-of-a-kind leader."

"I look forward to continuing Burrell's mission of working with governments, the private sector, and the public to improve the lives of children around the world," she said, saying her top priority will be convincing that United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), aimed at improving basic services for the poor and helping create new jobs by 2015, the statement said.

The mandate of the UN agency is to promote advances in health, education and equality for children around the world.

Burrell is the fifth UNICEF director in the agency's 50-year history, according to the statement. AP

Israeli soldier, militant die in raid; truce hit

HEB, West Bank—An Israeli soldier and a Palestinian militant were killed in an armed clash on the West Bank on Monday, putting further strain on an already tense ceasefire.

The Palestinian Authority announced the death took place in a village of West Bank town near the border with Israel.

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EMPLOYEE of Japanese microscope maker Sanyo displays the "Teleglass" at the company's headquarters in Tokyo May 3.

After Walkman, Japan comes out with 'Teleglass'

TOKYO—Ten and a half decades after the Walkman portable music device revolutionized the Japanese pop scene, Sony is now releasing a tiny screen device on the way to revolutionizing the portable music scene.

The "Teleglass," which goes on sale in June, comes with a screen and a lens that can be used to watch TV.

The screen would be larger than a watch, a 14-inch screen, which has a diameter of one meter, according to Sony officials.

Sony developed the Teleglass jointly with Advanced Microelectronics Co. Ltd., a Tokyo-based semiconductor firm. The gadget is priced around 10,000 yen (\$475).

The Teleglass could make their look cool...or it could indicate they are being monitored. People mostly have a way of knowing what they are being played on the Teleglass.

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Sihanouk's cancer worsening

PHNOM PENH—Cambodia's former King Norodom Sihanouk's cancer is worsening, despite treatment, his doctors have said, days after he accused people that he was ill and was preparing to return home from China.

A statement from his office, Hengpaila, where the 82-year-old Sihanouk has been in a coma for several months, said that after he learned people that he was ill and was preparing to return home from China.

The statement, dated May 2, said he was ill and was preparing to return home from China.



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Vulnerable

THERE can be no great freedom if journalists enter in conflict with the state, poverty or fear.

The David vs. Goliath struggle of the National Union of Journalists of the Philippines (NUJP) against the state is not a new one. It is a story of a small group of people who are not as powerful as the state, but who are not as vulnerable as the state.

EDITORIAL

Poverty and fear make journalists vulnerable to corruption by government officials, politicians, businessmen, showbiz personalities and other people who want to manipulate the press, that is, make people susceptible to the national and international press (such as the Philippine Daily Inquirer) and some community papers, journalists generally receive pay that is barely enough to meet the expenses of their family.

As a result, many journalists are not able to live on their own. They are dependent on their families. They are not able to live on their own. They are dependent on their families. They are not able to live on their own. They are dependent on their families.

Some journalists, hired as contractual employees, do not receive health insurance, medical pay and overtime pay and other benefits mandated by law. Because they need to make both ends meet, some reporters accept part-time public relations or writing jobs in the government, in political offices or in private firms. Some people tell journalists, if you can't live on your present salary, why don't you get out of journalism? But many of these reporters know only journalism and they love the work. If they leave journalism and engage in some other kind of work, they would lose their faith and their spirit.

Many journalists, especially community journalists in the provinces, consistently live in a climate of fear. One of the reasons for this is that in the last 11 months, 17 journalists have been killed. Since the restoration of democracy and freedom in 1986 up to the present, we have been killed, according to our reckoning. Others have a lower figure. The killings came from the state or from the state. The killings came from the state or from the state. The killings came from the state or from the state.

The government and the police have made a great show of forming special task forces and rounding up some suspects in some cases, but up to now no one has been charged in the killings of journalists. The killings have been arrested, prosecuted and jailed. The killings are getting away with them. The killings are getting away with them. The killings are getting away with them.

In many cases, journalists may have been hit. Writing under deadly pressure, they had to get the other side of a controversial or sensitive issue. Because of this, the view of the other side should be obtained in due time. A balanced story could be presented. Still, the failure of a journalist or a paper to present the other side does not mean the extreme remedy of assassination. There are other ways of obtaining redress.

One way is to ask the editor of the newspaper to present another side in a subsequent story or in a letter to the editor. If a journalist's error is very serious, the offended party can ask that an inquiry be conducted by the newspaper concerned and if the journalist is found to have erred, that he or she be sanctioned.

Another way is to file libel suits against the allegedly libelous papers and journalists. And yet another way is to file complaints with the Philippine Press Council, in the case of complaints in Metro Manila or national offices or newspapers, or with the state if the libel is formed against press councils, in the case of complaints in the provinces. But since most sources and subject facts come very close to covering and very confidential and even in violation with libelous content, results. And in the killing of journalists, the press is not.

As the nation marks World Press Freedom Day, let us pause, reflect and use what can be done to advance the cause of press freedom. People from other parts of the world, especially Southeast Asia, say that the Philippine press is not of the front, if not the front, in the world. But can a press that does not enjoy freedom from state and political (which makes it vulnerable to corruption) and from fear of libel laws and assassinations call itself truly free?

Sonnets and poison poppers

CONSTITUTION has two other than those, as in a Shakespearean "Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?"

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'Jueteng' spells trouble for cop chief

By Lige A. de Perera

IS A MOVE apparently meant to show that the police are willing to do it and illegal gambling campaign, a regional police commander whose name has been repeatedly linked to jueteng would be removed from his post this week, according to senior police officials.

"Something has to be done about this. For the PNP chief, General Amado Lumbao, ordered to 'promote,' he will have a demerit and be sent to Camp Crame," the chief said, citing an official source.

The other words, he's been removed. No official will put any of his name on the move.

Chief Supt. Ronald Albano, director of Criminal Law Division, will oversee the PNP Division for Research and Development, the police official said.

He said a relative of a government official did not want Albano to be sent to Luzon, ordered a "pushover" region because of its allegedly bad reputation.

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By Helen Garcia
P.O. Box 10000, San Francisco

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3 nabbed in May 1 fray out

By R. V. Yap

THREE workers arrested after the May 1 rally in Manila, the police said.

William Flores, 23, and Joseph Maga, 23, were charged with rioting during the May 1 rally in Manila, the police said.

Barry Gonsales, 23, was charged with rioting during the May 1 rally in Manila, the police said.

Flores and Maga, both from Quezon City, were charged with rioting during the May 1 rally in Manila, the police said.

The two were among a group of protesters who had gathered at the Manila Sports Center for the May 1 rally.

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Rightists' hand seen in bomb try

By Luis A. del Puerto

It will not be the first time that rightists' hand was seen in the bombing of the Manila Sports Center.

The Manila Sports Center, Manila, was the site of the May 1 rally.

which "rightist group" planted the bomb in front of the Manila Sports Center.

The Manila Sports Center, Manila, was the site of the May 1 rally.

But, as he said, the bomb was not intended to harm anyone.

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plant. The man then made a bomb call, prompting him to check the bag.

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KEEPING COOL
Far from the heat of air-conditioned malls and sports for parents, these children spend an afternoon at the UP Lagoon in Diliman, Quezon City.

MMDA still without 2005 budget

By Tara V. Quintanilla

THE METROPOLITAN Manila Development Authority (MMDA) has yet to get approval for its 2005 budget.

The MMDA has a P2.27 billion proposed budget for 2005.

MMDA, the agency's decision-making arm, approved the 2005 budget.

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Robert Rodriguez, director of the MMDA, said the agency is still waiting for approval.

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1 dead in Caloocan duel

By Nancy C. Corrao

A CALOOCAN City government employee killed a man in a duel.

The man was killed in a duel with a government employee.

is, a police official said. "We are still investigating the reason for the fight," he added.

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Manila case on way to recovery

A 32-800-1-CLUB call with information on the Manila case.

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Major anti-corruption drive pushed

By Michelle Y. Barnes

THE DEPARTMENT of Human has urged other government agencies to conduct an anti-corruption campaign of their own to make ballistic the government's renewed

The DOE school is particularly the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC), head agency of the Land Transportation Office (LTO), its valuable program centers around workers.

The DCF is also government agency personnel to be honest in some corrupt employees asking for money to let back public transactions usually related to vehicle registration and up

"We urge the SEC to take a closer look at the issues under them. Granting of the government should not only be limited to the Outbound," Finance/Undersecretary International Relations said.

The DOE earlier announced that it would begin this month an information program that would use



The suggestion for the DDC is counter up with an anti-corruption campaign of its own name at the DDC was questioned for having its planned anti-corruption campaign in the DDC, DDC and the DDC.

Botwin explained that the ICJ had no authority to conduct an anti-corruption campaign against employees or officials of the ICJ and other agencies not under its jurisdiction.

Earlier, the government was forced to have lost huge revenues due to the non-payment of taxes on vehicle insurance.

The non-payment could either be due to under-declaration by insurance firms of the actual amount of insurance premiums they sold, possibly in contravention with UKD workings, or due to the sale of fake insurance premiums to non-existent policyholders.

The Insurance Commission
order said there were more than
10,000 in

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SEC looks into Pacific Plans case

By Elizabeth L. Swanson

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Commission (SEC) is not ruling out possible sanctions against pre-sold Star Pacific Plastics Inc. (SPP) as it prepares to commence on the company's plan to expand operations.

Formerly appointed Commission Director Carol Laddan until the SEC was trying to figure out what happened in 1995 case.

ITT's sponsored plans had been showing a steady decline in value since 1991. In a statement yesterday, ITT said the company had to spin off its 34,000 sponsored plans to book costs in more than \$60,000. It said value plans would remain healthy.

DOF cool to exempting wage earners from tax

THE DEPARTMENT of Finance is used to the proposal of exempting minimum wage earners from income tax, a move estimated to cost the government \$1.4 billion in revenue.

Finance Undersecretary (Finance, Buenos Aires) President, Municipal Association for a pay increase among minimum wage workers was already a sufficient move on the part of the government to help them.

"It should still be a wage hike, that is (GDP) don't see the point of manipulating flows from the tax," he said in a phone interview. He added that the National Internal Rev-

HMRC, individuals acting as head of a family are allowed to deduct a maximum of £11,000 from their gross income to determine their taxable income. The amount is on top of the deductive £6,000 for each of the individual's dependants.

Another finance official explained that extending minimum wage controls (but for the time being) would be counter to the government's current efforts to stimulate economic activity and address a lingering fiscal problem.

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Transmission line project

By Abigail L. Ho

THE BOARD of National Transmission Corp. (Transco) has awarded to Marubeni Corp. the contract for the construction of the P220-million San Roque-San Manuel line to allow the full dispatch of electricity from the San Roque hydropower facility in Pangasinan.

Transco president and chief executive Alan Ortiz said the contract award effectively allowed the state firm to avoid having to pay contractual obligations worth P17 million a day.

He said these obligations were fixed cost penalties that Transco would have had to pay if the 345-megawatt (MW) San Roque plant could not be dispatched at its nominated capacity of 83 MW.

The recently awarded contract would en-

tail the construction of a dedicated 10-kilometer, 230-kilovolt transmission line that will allow the full or near-full capacity dispatch of the San Roque power facility.

This line will likewise connect the hydropower facility to the Luzon grid.

Ortiz said the new dedicated line would take about six months to complete.

The San Roque-San Manuel line is seen to drive down the cost of power generated by the San Roque facility, at least for the electricity beyond the 83-MW nominated capacity.

A Transco official said power outside of the nominated capacity from the San Roque facility could be sold at P1.50 per kilowatt-hour (kWh).

However, since the San Roque facility was hydro in nature, he said production beyond the nominated capacity would not be very

feasible in the summer months.

The dedicated transmission line for the San Roque power project is part of Transco's Luzon Island Transmission Augmentation Program or Project Lista.

The San Manuel-San Roque line is one of the short-term solutions under Project Lista.

Another recently completed part of Project Lista's short-term plans was the upgrading of the Bifan-Dasmariñas transmission line, which allowed the higher dispatch of Manila Electric Co. independent power producers Sta. Rita and San Lorenzo facilities.

The higher IPP dispatch resulted in a reduction in Meralco charges by 37.5 centavos per kWh.

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4 million vehicles registered with the LTO last year. With the figure, the Insurance Commission said, the amount of insurance premiums collected by the non-life insurance industry from vehicles should be about P5 billion. But the industry reported that it sold only P2.5 billion worth of vehicle insurance premiums.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

To All PICPA Members:

In accordance with the provision of Article XII, Section I of the By-Laws of the Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants, notice is hereby given that the Special Meeting of Members will be held on Friday, June 10, 2005 at 6:00 p.m., Mediterranean Room, Waterfront Hotel & Casino, Lahug, Cebu City, purposely to present for approval the amendments to the By-Laws of the Institute in compliance with the provisions of The Accountancy Law of 2004, Republic Act No. 9298 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Proof of Required Notice of Meeting
3. Determination of Quorum
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. President's Report
6. Presentation of the amended By-Laws of PICPA in compliance with the requirements of the R.A. No. 9298 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations
7. Approval of the amended By-Laws
8. Adjournment

We urge all members to attend this Special Meeting of Members. If you cannot be present in person during the meeting, please accomplish and return to us the attached general proxy form. (Copies of the proxy form may be obtained through the local chapter or at <http://www.picpa.com.ph>.)

Antonio V. Cruz
National Secretary

Japan firm wins Cebu-Negros submarine cable deal worth \$26M

By Rigel L. No

GLOBAL Telecommunications Corp. (Tencent) has awarded a \$25-million submarine-cable contract to Sumitomo Corp. of Japan for the Cebu-Negros component of the \$40-million Cebu-Negros-Panay (CNP) telecommunication project.

Tencent's president and chief executive officer said the submarine cables should be in place by next year. He said the awarding of the overseas line component is heralded as the first Tencent-based award.

With the completion of the submarine cable contract and the impending award of the overseas line deal, Tencent said the entire project should be completed by late 2002 or early 2003.

Under the CNP telecommunication and capacity expansion project, the Cebu-Negros and Negros-Panay lines' capacity to transmit data is between the Negros Islands will be doubled, from 100 megabits per second (Mbps) to 200 Mbps upon completion.

The project completion will likewise open-

ness the utilization of indigenous power from geothermal energy endowed by the island and offer a medium-term solution to the housing power crisis in the Visayas.

The Cebu Negros component consists of the installation of a 100-Mbps, 100-kilohertz (kHz) overhead transmission line and a 17.8-km submarine cable connecting Tencent's Sumitomo submarine in Cebu and the Asian submarine in Negros Island.

The Negros-Panay component will double the transfer capacity of the 15.6-km submarine cable from 100 Mbps to 200 Mbps.

Apart from the CNP project, Tencent is also working on other projects that will ensure adequate supply of electricity to the power from the Visayas region.

Earlier this year, Leyte-Cebu telecommunication project was delivered successfully and would be laid down by mid-June this week. This will take about a week to complete and upon completion, Cebu and continuous testing would be done on the line to ensure that there would be no glitch in power delivery.

The P5.7-million Leyte-Cebu telecommunication operating project will double the existing line's 200-Mbps capacity to deliver power to the CNP grid.

It includes the construction of an additional 32 seven kilometers of 200-kV submarine cable and another 150 single-core submarine capacity.

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New RP-UAE air deal sought

By Clarissa S. Balino

DOHAR-BASED carrier business wants to double its flight frequency between the Philippines and Doha, Qatar, to keep up with increasing demand.

Emirates previously flew to Manila 10 times a week.

Emirates executive vice president Charles Al Mulla said the Philippines route is important to its service agreements with the United Arab Emirates in the Middle East.

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ing on expanding air operations in Manila and Doha.

The biggest market for the Philippines-Doha flight are Filipinos who work in the Middle East. These are more than 1 million Filipinos working in the Middle East and of this, about 300,000 are in the Dubai emirate comprising UAE.

Charles said Doha, which would send a large number of work force from the Philippines.

"There is huge opportunity for Emirates to expand its operations in the Philippines because there would be a huge number of work force from the Philippines."

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